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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
ATTENTION : Walter Rader
SUBJECT : Preliminary Comment on Church Door Mission [redacted]

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1. This mission covered many of the same targets as Church Door Mission [redacted] In most cases no significant new developments were noted. One of the few differences noted was a reduction in the number of MIG-19 (FARMER) jet fighters at Teng-so-pao. The [redacted] Mission revealed 45 MIG-19's at this field while this mission disclosed only 25 unidentified jet fighters there, indicating that some of the MIG-19's noted previously were deployed to other airfields. However, the mission did not disclose the presence of MIG-19's at any of the other airfields covered. Yangtsun Airfield near Peiping, which has been considered a suspect airfield for MIG-21 jet fighters was covered for the first time but no MIG-21's were in evidence--only 25 FAGOT/FASOCO jet fighters were noted on the field. These developments indicate that Communist China probably has no MIG-21's and the total of 51 MIG-19's disclosed in the June mission (45 of which were at Teng-so-pao) probably constitute virtually all the MIG-19's in Communist China's inventory.

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2. Two of the three known SAM sites in the Peiping area were covered in this mission but because of obliquity and the small scale of photography the operational status of these sites could not be determined. No other missile sites were disclosed.

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7. This mission generally confirms the impression conveyed by the [] mission that Communist Chinese industrial activity is at a low level.

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